THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN): (a) and (b). The by-products produced by Neyveli Lignite Corporation include phenol, ortho cresol, multivalent phenol, meta para cresol and xylenol. NLC, at present, does not have any plan to start industries using these by-products since NLC is concentrating on higher level; of production in mining and linked power generation.

However, the Industrial and Technical Consultancy Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ITCOT) have conducted a study and expressed the view that there is scope for setting up an exclusive industrial estate near Neyveli based on NLC's by-products and intermediates.

**Payments to Contract Sweepers in Air India**

2803. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a). what is the total payment being made by Air India to the contract sweepers employed in its establishment;

(b) whether any hike in their pay is being made as a result of any court case;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether the casual labourers will also be paid the same amount that is being paid to the sweepers or its equivalent ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The total amount paid by the Air India to the contractors works out to Rs. 9, 78, 651/-per month.

(b) and (c). The United Labour Union representing the employees of the contractors engaged in sweeping/cleaning of Air India premises filed 3 writ petitions, in the Bombay High Court on which orders were passed in December, 1989. The Management preferred appeals against, the judgement of the Bombay High Court which passed an *ad-interim* order directing the Corporation to deposit a sum of Rs. 1, 000/- per month per worker from December, 1989. This amount can be withdrawn by the union subject to certain conditions, for distribution among the affected workers, covered by the writ petitions.

(d) No, Sir.

**Casual Laboureres Employed Against Regular Vacancies in Air India**

2804. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of casual labourers employed by Air India against regular vacancies in various airports in India;

(b) whether these casual labourers are recruited through notification or on the basis of recommendations of Individuals/ Organisations;

(c) whether Government propose to abolish the appointment of casual labourers against regular vacancies; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The number of casual labourers employed by